

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Brazil

a. A showdown between left and right could come soon as two potential catalysts are about to be injected into the already super-charged situation.

b. Guanabara governor Lacerda has broken his recent silence and given a US correspondent a taped interview (it may appear in today's Los Angeles Times)

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c. A Supreme Court decision which is expected to rule against the right of enlisted men to serve in Congress is imminent.

d. This may spark leftist disorders

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e. Goulart will address the nation today, presumably in an effort to calm the situation.

2. Dominican Republic

a. While most of the military, including Col. Wessin, have retired to the wings, Air Force General Luna is still very much around, upstaging the civilian triumvirate where he can and proclaiming confidence he can engineer US recognition in short order.

b. We are not sure whether it is Luna's idea or not, but former foreign minister Bonilla (under the post-Trujillo Council of State) is reported to be leaving for Washington today argue the case for recognition. *tb*

c. In Santo Domingo, the curfew has been lifted under pressure from businessmen, and most of those arrested in last week's roundup are being released from jail.

d. Reports of Bosch's destination conflict, but one of the most likely is that he will be put off in Guadeloupe to proceed from there on his own.

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3. South Vietnam

a.

Diem is about to accept a series of recommendations put to him by a group of general officers in Saigon.

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b.

the generals want senior military officers assigned to key cabinet posts. with military lines of command straightened out, the war against the Viet Cong can be carried out more effectively.

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c.

the generals have given Diem and Nhu until 4 October to act.

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e. Nhu and Diem may be attempting to deflect military dissatisfaction by discussing reforms they do not intend to implement.

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4. Algeria

a. Simmering opposition to Ben Bella boiled over yesterday in the troublesome Kabylie area east of Algiers.

b. Ben Bella acted quickly to relieve the military commander in the area, whose force joined with the Berber dissidents in their hilly stronghold.

c. A clash is shaping up as government troops move in to contain the opposition, but the odds are heavily in favor of Ben Bella.

5. Cuba-USSR

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6. Congo

a. Fed up with Parliament's preoccupation with intrigue and incitement, Adoula persuaded Kasavubu to prorogue the present do-nothing session.

b. This was finally done last night.

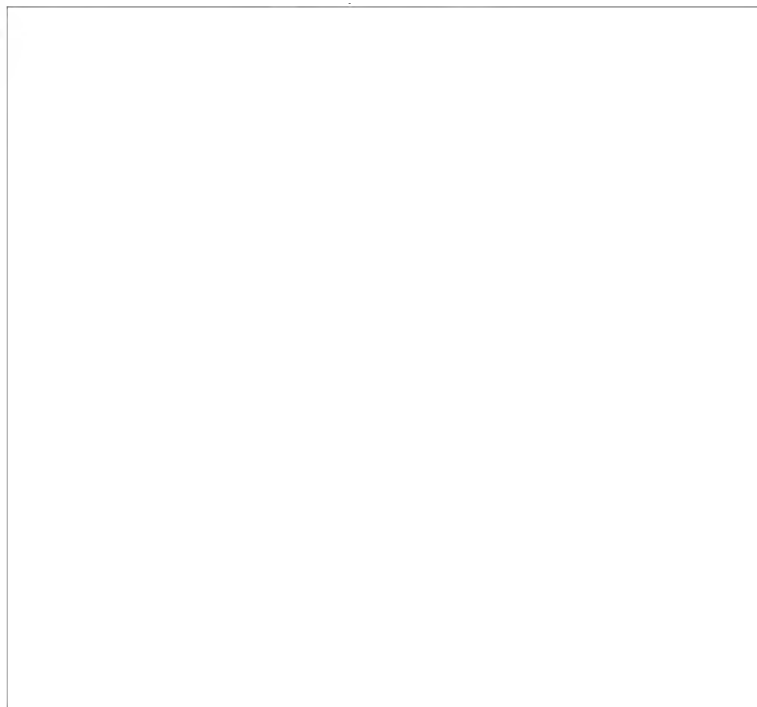
c. It had been convened in extraordinary session over a month ago for the exclusive purpose of acting on the new draft constitution.

d. Adoula intends now to appoint a constitutional commission and to submit the final draft to popular referendum.

e. Troops are alerted to protect Leopoldville against disorders which are expected to follow on Kasavubu's action, and Adoula is confident the situation can be contained.

7. Indonesia-Japan

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A. USSR

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- C. Ghana-Czechoslovakia The current visit to Czechoslovakia of Ghana's chief of staff suggests that Ghana is about to conclude a new arms deal with the Soviet Bloc. Heretofore, Ghana has relied primarily on Commonwealth sources for arms, with relatively small amounts coming from the USSR.

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D. India

[REDACTED] more extensive patrolling and reconnaissance activity in all forward areas. [REDACTED]

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E. Somalia-USSR

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- F. French Socialists - USSR** A delegation of French Socialist Party leaders, including Mollet, will be going to the USSR later this month for an 8 to 10-day round of talks with CPSU leaders who had invited them to come. The French intend the talks to range over international questions, minority problems and ideological matters.
- G. Oil** Western oil companies with international interests are in for some tougher bargaining with the principal oil producing countries. Signs are that the latter are more than usually determined to act in concert through their Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to combat the divide and conquer tactics of the Western compaines. The organization meets next week in Geneva and will probably consider imposing new tax terms.

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